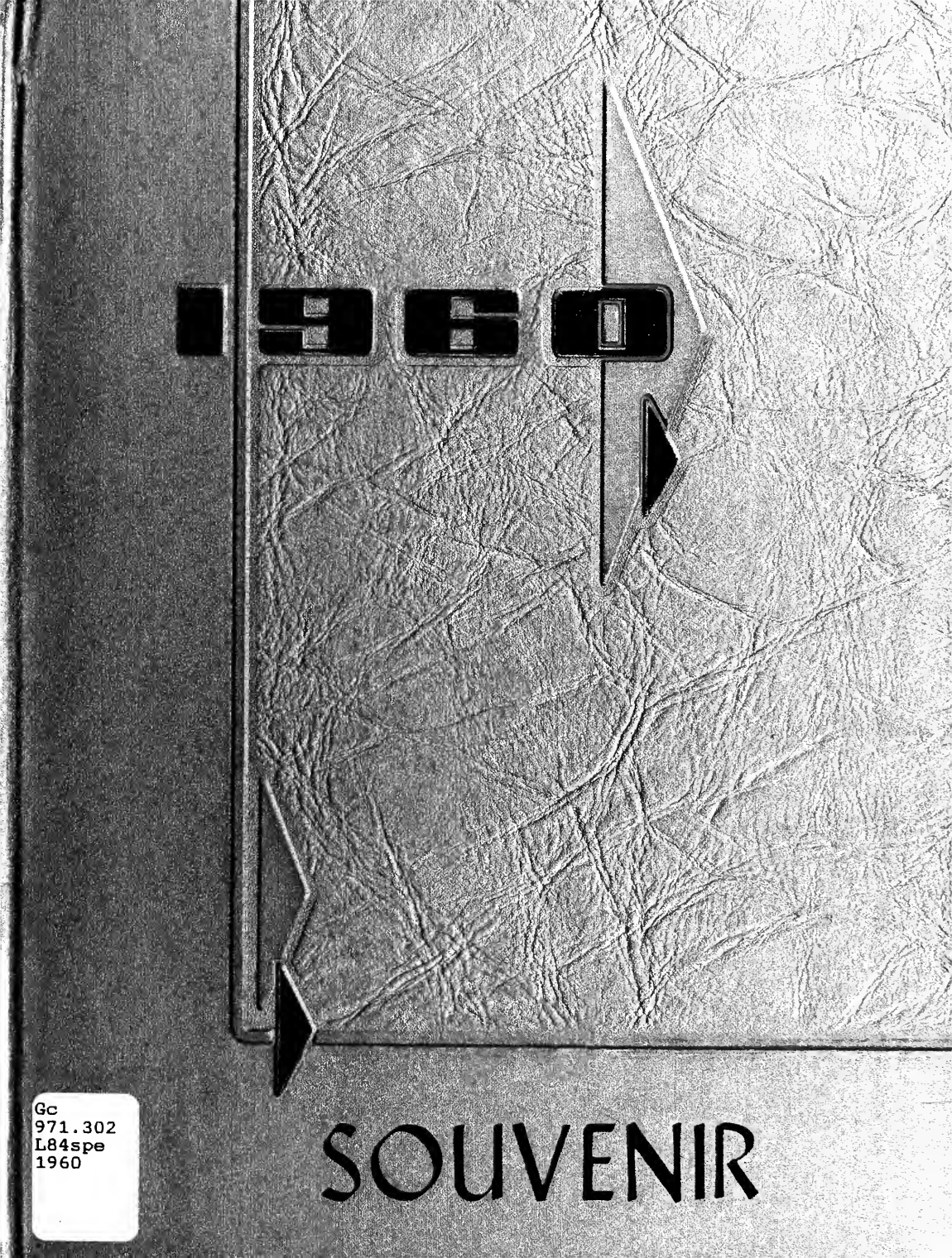

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St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles and our Faithful Patron over a century of years, continue to guide us to

"Grow in Grace and in Knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
To Him be the glory both now and unto the day of Eternity."

(*Second Epistle of St. Peter—Chapter* 3; *Verse* 18)

Tu Es Petrus

Around St. Peter's

Left — The Cathedral

Left Center — The Lady Chapel

Right Center — The New School

Right — The Rectory

How many and how varied have been the humours, the minds, the aspirations of those who have played in the shadow of this great Cathedral over a Century of Years.

What treasured Memories!
What present Activity!
What future Hopes!

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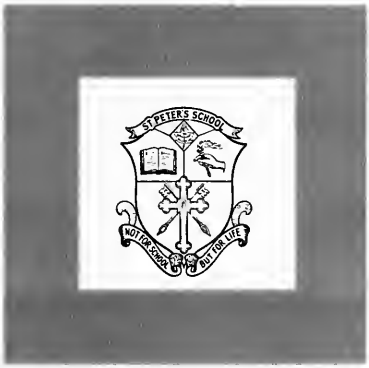
Dedication

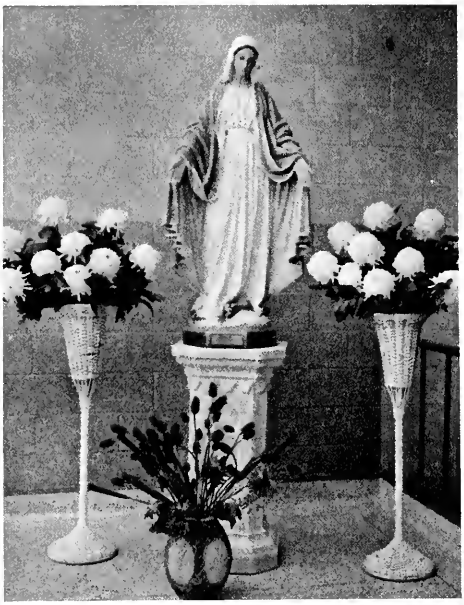


We, the class of 1959-60, dedicate our SOUVENIR BOOK to all who will pass through the portals of the new St. Peter's School in the quest for knowledge and truth.

The future growth and prosperity of our nation rests in your hands. Therefore, it is with great pride and pleasure that we, of the old and the new, dedicate this book to you who will carry on the tradition of St. Peter's.

A happy event for the parents and children of St. Peter's School took place on October 22, 1959, when our beloved pastor, Monsignor Feeney, blessed and laid the cornerstone of our new school. Inscribed thereon was the prayer— "Teach me goodness, discipline and knowledge" — an appropriate reminder of the aims of Catholic Education.

"The old order changeth, yielding place to new,
And God fulfils Himself in many ways."
—Tennyson



A filial devotion to Our Lady has always been one of the treasured aquisitions of those who attend St. Peter's. Her beautiful statue overlooking Kent St., inspires each to say, "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen."

Message from His Excellency, the Bishop

Across the long avenue of the years, the remembrance of one's home, however humble, makes even the stiffest heart-strings vibrate with genuine emotion. From time to time, little scenes of our childhood are etched as vividly upon memory's wall as the picture so deftly described by an Irish poet:

Three ducks on a pond,
A grass-plot beyond;
What a little thing
To remember for years,
To remember with tears!

Often for His own merciful purposes, God stirs up within us a nostalgic feeling of "Home, Sweet Home!"

Similarly, since the school is but an extension of the home, the little old school house has been a favorite theme of contemplation even for those who were wont to play truant. In the relentless march of time, it may be replaced with something more attractive, functional and up-to-date, but its hallowed memories of yesteryear cannot be forgotten . . . For well nigh a century, St. Peter's School, London, has rendered sterling service to a legion of students. Nestling in the shadow of the Cathedral, it seemed to take on some of the durability of its apostolic patron, the prince of the apostles. In the rugged battle of pioneer days, many of its graduates have given an exceptionally good account of themselves in every walk of life. Not a few have later made their mark within this diocese and far beyond its confines. While we thank Almighty God for the devoted clergy, school boards, and teachers that made this possible, at this turning point in history we should thank Him especially for the countless, wonderful fathers and mothers who are the chief fruits of this worthy school. They were the stalwart defenders and propagators of the Catholic Faith in this area. May the new St. Peter's School of 1959 ever treasure the noble traditions and the unswerving spirit of Faith of its predecessor of 1867!

Devotedly yours in Christ,

John C. Cody

BISHOP OF LONDON.

"TO ALL . . . THE BELOVED OF GOD, CALLED TO BE SAINTS, GRACE TO YOU AND PEACE FROM GOD OUR FATHER AND FROM THE LORD JESUS CHRIST."—St. Paul to Romans Chap. I Vs. 7-8.

May this quotation serve as the greeting of Priests and People of St. Peter's Cathedral Parish in 1960 to the Staff and Students of St. Peter's School on the occasion of the opening of the new thirteen-room unit and in memory of the founding of the first two-room log unit over one hundred years ago on a site adjacent to the present building.

Sister M. Nativity, Principal,
Staff and Students,
St. Peter's Cathedral School,
London, Canada

To be a witness to the completion of St. Peter's Cathedral elementary school in this school year of 1959-60 proves a great joy. It seems to round out a program of building and improvements to the Cathedral block long waited for by our parishioners and all Londoners. The towers were needed to gradually complete the Cathedral structure; the bells were needed to add dignity and decorum to worship; the Lady Chapel was needed for extra services and because it does form an integral part of a Cathedral Church; the vestry was needed because of crowded conditions; the school was needed to take the children from basement rooms in the Hall and Rectory and allow them to be educated in a practical and an efficiently operative unit of teaching. All the above represents progress.

As Cathedral Rector and Supervisor of Catholic Education for London, I am pleased to have had a share in its planning and development.

The cordial greeting I wish to bring at this time is that this new school may fulfill a most distinctive roll in Catholic Education by teaching all its registrants.

"GOODNESS, DISCIPLINE, KNOWLEDGE"

to the end that God may be loved and praised forever.

Devotedly,

J. A. FEENEY
Cathedral Rector

Rev. J. L. Doyle

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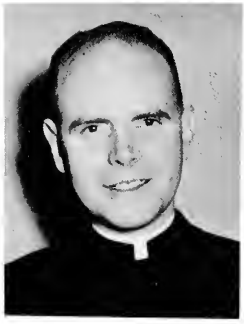
Rev. C. T. McManus

OUR CURATES



DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS OF THE NEW ST. PETER'S:

Years ago the old St. Peter's was my school for four years. An old priest used to tell us then: "Pray hard, work hard, and play hard —and you can't help being a success." Good advice. Isn't it? Good luck and God bless you!

Rev. J. P. Finn, Ph.D.
Diocesan Director of Education.

On behalf of the Ontario Department of Education it is my privilege to extend to the Board of Trustees of the London Separate Schools and to the parents, staff and teachers of St. Peter's School, official greetings and best wishes for the future success of their new school.

Mr. K. Regan,
Inspector of Separate Schools,
London Division.

Old St. Peter's is gone. Its traditions remain. May they be preserved by the students of the new St. Peter's as with greater advantages they prepare to meet the challenge of a changing world!

Sister M. Placidia
Supervisor of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

The old St. Peter's has yielded to the new yet the rich tradition of the past is preserved and in the new as in the old we find the same high endeavour, the safe fidelity to ideals, the same search for "goodness."

Sister Alice Marie
Supervisor of London Separate Schools.

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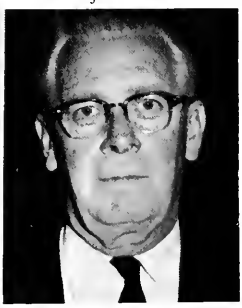

C. F. Sullivan, M.D.

On this joyful anniversary of St. Peter s School, we, the Trustees of the Catholic Schools of London, gratefully pay tribute to those dedicated and devoted religious and lay teachers—past and present—who have taught so many generations the meaning of Goodness, Discipline, and Knowledge.

Inspired by their achievements, it is our ardent desire that the present and future pupils of this school, inflamed with a love of God, will be as beacons to an unbelieving world of all that is Good and Just and True.

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"THE PROPER AND IMMEDIATE END OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS TO CO-OPERATE WITH DIVINE GRACE IN FORMING THE TRUE AND PERFECT CHRISTIAN."

ENCYCLICAL LETTER POPE PIUS XI (Christian Education of Youth).

Today as we instruct our pupils in the beautiful classrooms of the new St. Peter's, we are grateful for the many material advantages that help us do our teaching task better. However as Christian educators we are aware that education is more than mere instruction. Keeping in mind the aim of Christian Education as quoted above, it is our privilege as teachers to assist the boys and girls who attend this school to experience more of the joy of living and learning. May these young people be made ready to meet the challenge of this wonderful age of change and discovery with the strength and calmness which comes from knowing God and the things of God. May they recognize their talents as God-given gifts to be used for the glory of the Giver. May they by word and example stand forth as good citizens of time and eternity.

Sister Mary Nativity, C.S.J.
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THE PARENT - TEACHER ASSOCIATION

It is our pleasure to extend congratulations to the Separate School Board, the parents, the teachers and the pupils of St. Peter's School on the occasion of the opening.

We shall always remember the old school with affection because in it and many another like it our parents received a Catholic education. This is our heritage.

Now we pray "Thanks to God" for in this new, modern edifice, this generation will enjoy the same blessings and privileges as those who have gone before.

Ben. O'Connell
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The Office Staff of the Catholic Schools of London has enjoyed a pleasant association with St. Peter's School in the cause of Catholic Education and is happy on this occasion to send sincerest congratulations to the teachers and pupils of St. Peter's.

Eileen Coombs.

St. Peter's School naturally holds a precious memory for me since most of my elementary education was obtained there. My mother and some of her ancestors also attended the very first historic St. Peter's.

The Sisters of St. Joseph have virtually been the life blood of St. Peter's over the years and now they join with a splendid staff of dedicated lay teachers to write a glorious chapter to the history of "London's Finest."

It is my privilege to work in the interests of serving St. Peter's and all our Catholic Schools in the administration of their business affairs.

George Mottram.

The horizon lines at the corner of Kent and Clarence have certainly undergone a singular metamorphosis since I was in Grade I at St. Peter's a few years ago. Now as a Grad. of St. Peter's and a member of the administration I am indeed happy to add my heartiest congratulations to all who have helped to make the new school possible.

Gerald Costello.

A Look to the Past

Memories

Memories of school days are peculiar. They are enhanced by the passage of time and become more beautiful for being memories. As we pass down a CENTURY OF YEARS we must pay tribute to the many hundreds of fine men and women who have graduated from St. Peter's. They are to be found in every walk of life and in many parts of the world. A few of these may be listed here.

ST. PETER'S OLDEST TEACHER AND PUPIL

SISTER M. RITA, C.S.J.

Sister M. Rita (Cecilia Costello) attended St. Peter's from 1891 until 1896. Years later she returned to St. Peter's but this time in the capacity of teacher.

After a successful teaching career, Sister is now enjoying the relaxation of retirement at beautiful Mount St. Joseph.

Her brother, Leo, attended St. Peter's from 1892-1900. He became an Auditor. He is now retired in Detroit.

Her younger brother, Father Costello, presently chaplain of St. Joseph's Hospital, Chatham, attended St. Peter's from 1897-1904.

Leo F. Costello

Rev. F. R. Costello

Illustrious Sons

—attended St. Peter's School 1896-1904

—won the gold medal for proficiency in Grade VIII.

—was never late for school and never missed a day of school during his years at High School.

—was ordained a priest in 1915.

—was consecrated bishop March 19, 1935.

—died November 22, 1958.

—was dearly loved by all for his kindly ways.

—Sir Edward Dignan, K.S.S. brother of the deceased, also attended St. Peter's.

The record of the Dignan family is one of the oldest, dating back to 1824.

THE MOST REVEREND R. H. DIGNAN, D.D.
Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie
1935 — 1958

—started to St. Peter's School in 1912. He returned home after his first day at school and announced that his teacher was named after him — Sister St. Philip.

—was ordained a priest in 1930.

—was consecrated Bishop of Saskatoon in 1944.

—transferred to Winnipeg as Coadjutor—Archbishop and Apostolic Administrator in 1951.

—succeeded to the See as Archbishop in 1952.

THE MOST REVEREND P. F. POCOCK,
D.D., J.C.D., LL.D.
Archbishop of Winnipeg.

Famous Son Returns

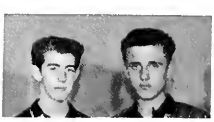
One of London's most famous sons, GUY LOMBARDO, visits the school of his childhood. In Mr. Lombardo's own words "St. Peter's is one of my favourite landmarks."

He is shown here signing his autograph for a number of the children.

A Peek Into the Future

graduates

Senior Class



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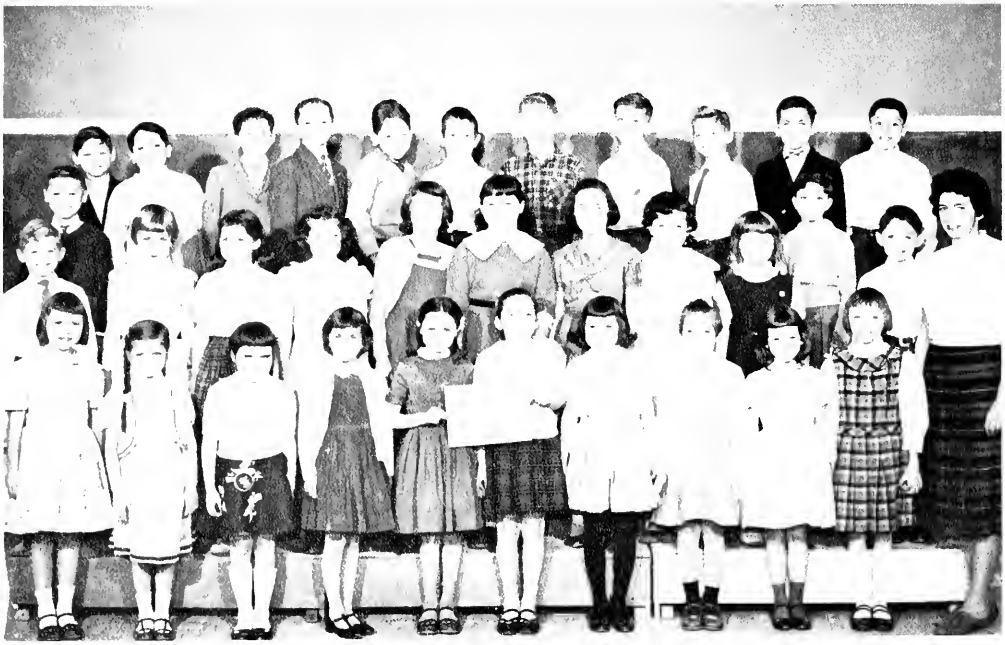

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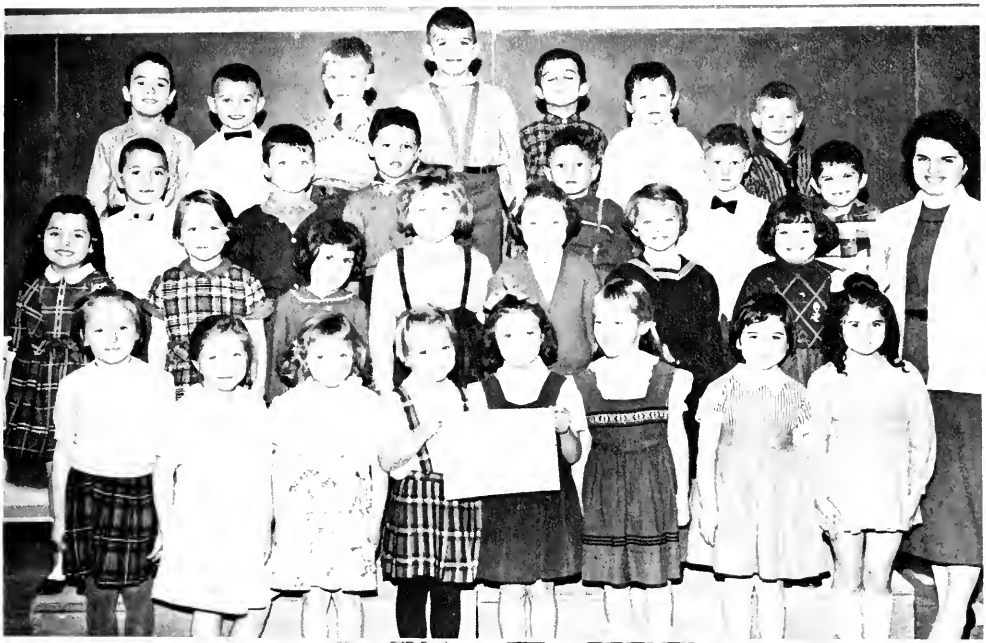

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